

License Committee Meeting  
April 28, 2008

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**CHICOPEE BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**LICENSE COMMITTEE**

ACCEPTED 5-27-08

**Members**

Ronald R. Belair, Chairman  
Dino A. Brunetti, Vice-Chairman  
Shane Brooks  
Fred Krampits  
Robert J. Zygarowski

**MINUTES**

**April 28, 2008**

The following are the minutes of a public hearing held Monday, April 28, 2008 at 6:00 PM in the Aldermanic Chambers, Fourth Floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

**Members Present**

Belair, Brunetti, Krampits, Zygarowski

**Members Absent**

Brooks

**Also Present**

Captain Patrick Halpin, Daniel Garvey Associate City Solicitor,  
Kate Brown Planning Director

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

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Isaiah Salloom of 167 Route Rd. Westfield MA (Owner of Izzy's Garage & Shop, Inc.) stated he has owned that piece of property for 3yrs and when he bought it there was a lot of neglect so he put a lot of money into the land. He explained he owns a commercial business which is located on a commercial street, when cars are ready for a customer he will put the cars either on the lot to wait to be picked up or out on the public street where they will not stay for long. He explained he has a 7 car limit license and will never see more than that many cars on his lot at a time. He had to recently get rid of his Auto Body and Gas license and lowered his Used Car license.

Alderman Belair stated that since the complaint he has drove by the business personally numerous amounts of times and there are cars blocking all exits and there is also another business being ran without being certified through the City of Chicopee.

James Samson of 562 Chicopee Street stated he has tried to get a license to detail a few times and he just wants the committee to know that he runs a tight clean business. The only issue is the pile up of cars from the guys in the front need to keep up with everything.

Alderman Belair stated it is not about the guys in the front it's about running the business correctly and about Isaiah taking control of the matter. He then stated a memo he had received from the Fire Department with a list of the problems that were seen following the inspection of the property.

1. The parking plan agreed upon during the application for license is not being adhered to. Vehicles are parked throughout the property and on the street. Emergency vehicle access to the property is not being maintained. Approximately 13 vehicles were on site and street in relation to the property.
2. Vehicles are being parked on Norman Street.
3. It appears there are 3 businesses operating from this property: a class II auto dealership, an auto detailing shop and an auto repair garage.
4. The main roof beam in the detailing area has cracked and collapsed.
5. A wood partition wall has been built dividing the front and rear garage bays. It is questionable that this is constructed to code.
6. There are multiple electrical violations.
7. There is an extensive extension cord use.
8. The waste oil storage tank is non-compliant.
9. The waste oil is being stored without tank.
10. There are no up to date extinguishers on the property.
11. The heating system fire-matic needs to be repaired.
12. Area around boiler need to be cleaned out.
13. Exterior 275 gallon oil tank is non-compliant.
14. The heating system in the right hand 2 garage bays does not work. Consequently portable kerosene heaters are being used during the cold months.
15. Multiple broken windows.
16. The dumpster is located against the side of the structure.

Alderman Belair then stated that all the violations are serious as well as having someone else run another business on the property without a license. He then stated he is willing to give 30 days, if the committee agrees, to fix all necessary problems and then they will consider allowing these businesses to run in the city.

Alderman Brunetti asked if any of these problems need to be addressed immediately.

Captain Haplin stated when he pulled into the business there were cars everywhere, along with many people too. He explained that if there were ever to be an emergency it would be extremely difficult to get a fire truck through that area because of the build up of cars and such. Also, there was not one fire extinguisher that was up to date; all were 3yrs or more expired.

Isaiah stated that all of this is top priority to him right now and understand how important it is to get all of these problems fixed. He also said that in the long term this business may not even work out because money is tight and it's a hard business but as for the short term time he wants everything to work out so he is going to get everything fixed within the 30 days.

James Samson of 562 Chicopee Street stated he works on a lot of wholesale cars. He had 5 guys working for him and he is now down to 2. He stated he will go to City Hall and apply for his license and also clean up what needs to be cleaned up on the property within the 30 days.

Alderman Belair added when the issue is brought back to committee they must also bring along a reasonable plot plan for the parking of vehicles.

Motion made by Alderman Brunetti to table.

Motion Approved

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Motion made Alderman Zygarowski to accept.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM.